

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of Claims in the application:

Listing Of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) Process for the preparation of an oxidic catalyst composition consisting of one or more trivalent metals, one or more divalent metals and - calculated as oxide and based on the total composition - more than 18 wt % of one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of rare earth metal compounds, phosphorus compounds, and transition metal compounds, which process comprises the following steps:

- a) preparing a precursor mixture consisting of (i) a compound 1 being one or more trivalent metal compounds, (ii) a compound 2 being one or more divalent metal compounds, (iii) a compound 3 which is different from compounds 1 and 2 and is one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of rare earth metal compounds, phosphorus compounds, and transition metal compounds, and (iv) optionally water, which precursor mixture is not a solution,
- b) if the precursor mixture contains water, optionally changing the pH of the slurry,
- c) aging the precursor mixture,
- d) drying the precursor mixture, and
- e) calcining the resulting product under conditions such that spinel formation is prevented.

Claim 2 (Original) A process according to claim 1 wherein the precursor mixture of step a) is sodium-free and the optional pH change in step b) is performed by the addition of ammonium hydroxide.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented) A process according to claim 1 wherein the precipitate is aged in step c) without anionic clay being formed.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented) A process according to claim 1 wherein the divalent metal of compound 2 is selected from the group consisting of Mg, Ca, Ba, Zn, Ni, Cu, Co, Fe, Mn, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 5 (Original) A process according to claim 4 wherein the divalent metal is magnesium and compound 2 is selected from the group consisting of magnesium magnesium oxide, magnesium hydroxide, magnesium carbonate, magnesium hydroxyl carbonate, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented) A process according to claim 1 wherein the trivalent metal of compound 1 is selected from the group consisting of Al, Ga, Fe, Cr, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 7 (currently amended) A process according to claim 6 wherein the trivalent metal is Al and wherein compound 1 is selected from the group consisting of ~~aluminum~~aluminum oxides, ~~aluminum~~aluminum trihydrate, thermally treated ~~aluminum~~aluminum trihydrate, gel alumina, boehmite, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 8 (Original) A process according to claim 6 wherein the trivalent metal is Fe and wherein compound 1 is selected from the group consisting of iron oxides and iron hydroxides.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented) A process according to claim 1 wherein compound 3 is a compound comprising a metal selected from the group consisting of Cu, Zn, Zr, Ti, Ni, Co, Fe, Mn, Cr, Mo, W, V, Ce, La, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented) A process according to claim 1 wherein compound 3 is introduced into the precursor mixture by using a compound 1 that has been doped with compound 3 and/or a compound 2 that has been doped with compound 3.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented) A process according to claim 1 wherein compound 3 is present in the composition in a total amount of 18 to 60 wt %, calculated as oxide and based on the total composition.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented) Oxidic catalyst composition obtainable by the process according to claim 1.

Claim 13 (Original) Catalyst particle comprising the oxidic catalyst composition according to claim 12, a matrix and/or filler, and a molecular sieve.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented) A fluid catalytic cracking process comprising introducing the oxidic catalyst composition of claim 12 into a fluid catalytic cracking unit.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented) A fluid catalytic cracking process comprising introducing the oxidic catalyst composition of claim 13 into a fluid catalytic cracking unit.